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6.(Previously Presented) A network comprising:

a plurality of network units;

a communication path communicably linking the plurality of network units with each another; and

wherein a first network unit of the plurality of network units has installed therein a network layer of a second network in combination with an associated application program interface, and further wherein a proxy computer is installed in each of the plurality of network units other than said first network unit.

7.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 6, wherein said first network is configured as a Media Oriented System Transport (MOST) network.

8.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 6, wherein said second network is the Internet.

9.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 6, wherein said network layer comprises a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) network layer.

10.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 6, wherein said network layer implements Internet Protocol (IP) network layer.

11.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 6, wherein said second network is the Internet.

12.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 6, wherein said first network is capable of transmitting and receiving external communications.

13.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 12, wherein said first network unit comprises a telephone.

14.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 6, wherein a plurality of said remaining network units each comprise a computer platform wherein a proxy computer is installed in the form of one or more software programs.

15.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 6, wherein the network units comprise equipment of a multimedia system.

16.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 15, wherein said plurality of network comprise one or more data sinks and one or more data sources.

17.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 15, wherein said one or more data sinks comprise one or more of the group including a car radio, a CD player, a video recorder, a TV tuner, an audio amplifier, and a display screen.

18.(Previously Presented) A network for providing the capability to communicate over the Internet, comprising:

a plurality of network units including,

a first network unit capable of transmitting and receiving external communications and having installed therein a network layer of the Internet in combination with an associated application program interface;

a plurality of remaining network units each having installed therein a proxy computer; and

a communication path for communicably linking said network units with each another.

19.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 18, wherein said first network is configured as a Media Oriented System Transport (MOST) network.

20.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 18, wherein said network layer comprises a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) network layer.

21.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 18, wherein said network layer implements a Internet Protocol (IP) network layer.

22.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 18, wherein said first network unit comprises a telephone.

23.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 18, wherein said network units comprise equipment of a multimedia system.

24.(Previously Presented) The network of claim 23, wherein said plurality of network units other than said remaining network units comprise one or more data sinks and one or more data sources.

25.(Previously Presented) A vehicle-hosted multimedia system for providing the capability to communicate over the Internet, comprising:

a plurality of network units including,

 a telephone configured as a network unit capable of transmitting and receiving external communications and having installed therein a Transmission Control Protocol

(TCP) or Internet Protocol (IP) network layer of the Internet in combination with an associated application program interface;
a plurality of remaining network units each having installed therein a proxy computer; and
a communication path for communicably linking network units with each another.